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PREFACE.

TWENTY-FIRST VOLUME.

To furnish authentic information in respect to sea-faring life—its perils, its adventures, its sorrows, and its joys;—to make a permanent record of sea-scenes, and shore-experiences; to portray the real condition of seamen, their necessities and claims; to awaken and perpetuate a philanthropic interest in their behalf; to show what is attempted for their social and spiritual improvement, and what success attends the means used to this end; to keep before the mind the motives to energetic action in reaping one of the richest fields of modern sowing; to be moreover a bond of union among the ocean and inland sailors, and their numerous friends, agreeably seasoning the too fresh or the too salt so as to furnish a healthy aliment to all, and constantly aiming to secure the great end of the present life with greater blessings in the life to come;—these and kindred objects the Sailor's Magazine has steadily pursued to the close of its just completed Twenty-First Volume.

To compass these ends we have often introduced the seamen to speak for themselves; knowing full well that no rhetoric is so forceful as that which is thrown from a booming heart, and no eloquence so impressive as that which gushes from the deepest fountains of human experience.

Thanks to the men of the sea for their contributions to enrich their own Magazine; and thanks to many, *many* others who by kind words and kinder actions have cheered us on in this work.

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First and last, and above all, thanks, *everlasting thanks* to Him who has crowned the year with his goodness. For the future, to the literary epicure we promise nothing, for it is not our aim to season a dish to his palate; to the fastidious we promise if possible less, for if he can not take his salt junk, hard bread, and duff, he had better stay away from the sea; but to the hearty friends of the seamen's cause we promise, with divine help, to furnish a monthly repast so seasoned with salt, and spiced with variety, and sobered with truth, as to command the approbation of the wise and good.

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